IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

In re Application of: Merry, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IN-SITU FILM STACK PROCESSING

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 18, 2006

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 18, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 18, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782 for any fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.